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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on April 23rd, 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 13-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 13-19 and 21-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 18-20 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on April 4th, 2002 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-to-12 have been canceled (as per preliminary amendment April 4th, 2002).
2. Claims 13-to-24 are pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claim 13-14 & 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Labedz et al. (5,251,233).

In regards to Claims 13 & 24, Labedz discloses a method for estimating a memory-enabled transmission channel (Fig. 4), comprising the steps of: determining a first estimation of a pulse response of the memory-enabled transmission channel (Fig. 4, element 400); performing an estimation of an additive interference of the memory-enabled transmission channel (Column 4, lines 5-24); and performing a correction of the first estimation of the pulse response while taking into consideration the estimation of the additive interference of the memory-enabled transmission channel (Column 4, lines 65-68 & Fig. 4, element 400, 420) {Interpretation: The reference discloses a feedback to the matched filter taps which performs the function of correction}.

In regards to Claim 14, Labedz discloses a method for estimating a memory-enabled transmission channel as described above. Labedz further discloses the step of determining the first estimation is performed by a matched filter (Fig. 4, element 400).

5. Claims 15-17 & 22-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Labedz et al. (5,251,233) in view of Steiner et al. (Low Cost Channel Estimate in the Uplink Receiver of CDMA Mobile Radio Systems; Berlin, Germany; Vol. 47, No. 11/12; Nov. 1, 1993; Page 292-298).

Regarding to Claim 15, a method according to Claim 14, wherein the matched filter is given by (the equations as described in the Claim). Labedz discloses all the limitations regarding the method for estimating a transmission channel using a matched filter as described above. However, Labedz does not disclose the matched filter is given by (the equations as described in the Claim).

Steiner discloses the equations as described in the claim (Page 293, left-column, Eq.'s 3a-b & Page 293, right-column, Eq.'s 13-14). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention that Steiner teaches the equations as described in the claim so as to mathematically describe the channel estimate implemented using a matched filter.

Regarding to Claims 16-17, a method according to Claim 13, wherein the first estimation is given by a least squares estimation. Labedz discloses all the limitations regarding the method for estimating a transmission channel as described above. However, the Labedz does not disclose the first estimation is given by least

squares estimation and more specifically (the equations as described in the Claim 17).

Steiner discloses determining the channel estimate using the least squares algorithm (Equation 12). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention that Steiner teaches implementing a channel estimate using the least squares estimate and this can be implemented in the method as described in the AAPA so as to provide a computationally cheaper algorithm and an unbiased estimate.

Regarding to Claims 22-23, a method according to Claim 13 wherein: the correction of the first estimation is given by a MMSE algorithm. Labedz discloses all the limitations regarding the method for estimating a transmission channel as described above. However, the Labedz does not disclose the correction of the first estimation is given by a MMSE algorithm.

Steiner discloses determining the channel estimate using the minimum mean square error (MMSE) algorithm (Equation 10-11). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention that Steiner teaches the equations as described in the claim so as to mathematically describe the channel estimate implemented using a MMSE algorithm.

6. Claims 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Labedz et al. (5,251,233) in view of Applicant Admitted Prior Art (AAPA).

Regarding to Claim 21, a method according to Claim 13 wherein: the correction of the first estimation is given by a POCS algorithm. Labedz discloses all the

limitations regarding the method for estimating a transmission channel as described above. However, the Labedz does not disclose the correction of the first estimation is given by a POCS algorithm.

The AAPA discloses the correction of the first estimation is given by a POCS algorithm (Substitute Specification, Page 1, Background Information, lines 19-26). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention that the AAPA discloses a POCS algorithm for the correction of the estimation coefficients and this can be implemented in the method as described in Labedz so as to provide a more accurate estimate of the channel estimate.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 18-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

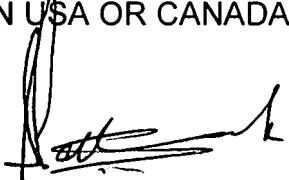
Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sudhanshu C. Pathak whose telephone number is (571)-272-3038. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 9am-6pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chieh M. Fan can be reached on (571)-272-3042.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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